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Additional Methods

A search was carried out on the PubMed database on 1/07/25. The search terms used were (“colorectal cancer” OR “CRC” OR “colorectal neoplasia”) AND “UK” AND “FIT negative”. 94 studies were returned from this search. 74 studies were excluded for not containing patient data regarding FIT negative CRC, 2 studies for only containing information about FIT negative CRC location without any additional clinical or demographic detail of the patients which had the CRC at the reported locations, 2 studies for only reporting patient data for those who had conducted multiple FIT before investigation for CRC, 3 studies for having only presented the FIT negative CRC patients’ clinical and demographic characteristics in a summarised format, 2 studies for reporting patient data from CRC screening in a non-symptomatic cohort, and 1 study was removed for reporting duplicate FIT negative CRC patient data. This left 10 studies which were included in the systematic review. As a result of their time from FIT until diagnosis being evidenced to be greater than 1 year, 2 patients had their data removed from the FIT negative cohort.